

3. (U) NEA - PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN POLICY--THE FOREIGN ADVISOR'S SPEECH (GDS 3/12/86)

(C) ON MARCH 5 PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR AGHA SHAHI DELIVERED A COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT ON PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN POLICY BEFORE A CONVENTION OF LOCAL OFFICIALS IN ISLAMABAD. IN HIS SPEECH SHAHI MADE THE FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS:

-- PAKISTAN IS NOT ENGAGED IN THE TRAINING OR ARMING OF AFGHAN REFUGEES AND WILL NOT ALLOW ITSELF TO BE A CONDUIT FOR THE FLOW OF ARMS INTO AFGHANISTAN.

-- PAKISTAN IS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY PROCESS BILATERAL OR INTERNATIONAL FOR A GUARANTEE BY THE SUPER-POWERS OF THE INDEPENDENCE, NEUTRALITY AND NON-ALIGNED STATUS OF AFGHANISTAN, AFTER THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET ARMED FORCES.

-- PAKISTAN HAS MADE A SUSTAINED EFFORT TO DEVELOP GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. HOWEVER, THE SOVIET UNION HAS MADE ITS RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN CONDITIONAL UPON THE NATURE OF PAKISTAN'S RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN AND INDIA. A SOVIET MILITARY WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN WOULD ENABLE PAKISTAN TO "REPAIR" ITS RELATIONS WITH THE USSR.

-- PAKISTAN HAS HAD A "LONG AND FRUITFUL" RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES AND DESPITE UPS AND DOWNS THIS CONNECTION HAS REMAINED A "VIALE AND AN IMPORTANT ONE." HOWEVER THE RECENTLY OFFERED AID PACKAGE WAS DIRECTLY OR BY IMPLICATION "WRAPPED UP IN ONEROUS CONDITIONS" AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE US OFFER, "UNLESS SUBSTANTIALLY MODIFIED WOULD HAVE DETRACTED FROM, RATHER THAN ENHANCED" PAKISTAN'S SECURITY.

(C) INITIAL NEWS ACCOUNTS OF THIS SPEECH MADE IT APPEAR THAT PAKISTAN WISHED TO DISTANCE ITSELF FROM THE UNITED STATES AND TILT TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION. WHEN READ IN ITS ENTIRETY, HOWEVER, THE SPEECH SEEMS TO BE A WELL BALANCED, COMPREHENSIVE AND AUTHORITATIVE EXPOSITION OF PAKISTAN'S CURRENT FOREIGN POLICY. THIS POLICY EMPHASIZES NON-ALIGNMENT, CLOSE RELATIONS WITH OTHER ISLAMIC COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IRAN, A CONTINUATION OF THE SIMLA NORMALIZATION PROCESS WITH INDIA AND CONTINUED CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE PRC.

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